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TITLE OF INVENTION BUILDING WALL FOR RESISTING LATERAL FORCES

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## Notice of Allowability

Application No.  
**08/975,940**

Applicant(s)  
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Examiner  
**Christopher T. Kent**

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**3635**



All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.

☒ This communication is responsive to the telephone conversation of 12/28/99.

☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 36-47.

☐ The drawings filed on \_\_\_\_\_ are acceptable.

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

☐ All ☐ Some\* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been

☐ received.

☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\*Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

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☐ Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.

☒ Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS

☒ because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal.

☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_.

☒ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed on Oct 19, 1999, which has been approved by the examiner.

☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

☐ Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any response to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE/SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

### Attachment(s)

☐ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). 16, 17, 18

☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

☒ Interview Summary, PTO-413

☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Charles R. Cypher on 12/28/99.

The application has been amended as follows:

**SPECIFICATION** - page 4, immediately following line 10, insert

C1 --Figure 16 is a front view showing a shear assembly made up of a plurality of adjoining structural panels.--

**CLAIM 36** - line 3, after "component", insert --for--;

line 4, after "plate", insert --for--;

line 14, before "connected", insert --for--, replace "connected" with --connecting--, and after "and", insert --for being--.

**CLAIM 37** - line 3, after "component", insert --for--;

line 4, after "plate", insert --for--;

line 14, before "connected", insert --for--, replace "connected" with --connecting--, and after "and", insert --for being--.

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**CLAIM 39** - line 3, after "component", insert --for--;

line 4, after "plate", insert --for--;

line 14, before "connected", insert --for--, replace "connected" with --connecting--, and

after "and", insert --for being--; and

line 40, replace "that are anchored" with --for anchoring--.

**CLAIM 41** - line 3, after "component", insert --for--;

line 4, after "plate", insert --for--;

line 14, before "connected", insert --for--, replace "connected" with --connecting--, and

after "and", insert --for being--; and

line 40, replace "that are anchored" with --for anchoring--.

**CLAIM 43** - line 3, after "component", insert --for--;

line 4, after "plate", insert --for--;

line 14, before "connected", insert --for--, replace "connected" with --connecting--, and

after "and", insert --for being--.

**CLAIM 44** - line 3, after "component", insert --for--;

line 4, after "plate", insert --for--;

line 14, before "connected", insert --for--, replace "connected" with --connecting--, and

after "and", insert --for being--.

**CLAIM 45** - line 3, after "component", insert --for--;

line 4, after "plate", insert --for--;

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line 14, before "connected", insert --for--, replace "connected" with --connecting--, and  
after "and", insert --for being--.

CLAIM 47 - line 3, after "component", insert --for--;

line 4, after "plate", insert --for--;

line 14, before "connected", insert --for--, replace "connected" with --connecting--, and  
after "and", insert --for being--; and

line 45, replace "anchored" with --for anchoring--.

*Allowable Subject Matter*

Claims 36-47 are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner  
should be directed to Christopher Kent whose telephone number is (703) 308-2497.

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